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# 1998-1999 Annual Report for Iowa Library Association Chapter of the Association of College and Research Libraries

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**ACRL Chapter Annual Report**  
**for**  
**Iowa Library Association Chapter**  
**of the Association of College and Research Libraries**

**July 20, 1999**

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**Chapter Name:**

ILA/ACRL - Iowa Library Association Chapter of the Association of College and Research Libraries

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**Chapter's Officers' Terms:**

begin January 1 and end December 31 of a given year.

**Number of Chapter Members:**

188 - as of 5/5/99

**Chapter Status:**

"This organization is an affiliate of the national Association of College and Research Libraries (hereinafter referred to as ACRL), and a Forum of the Iowa Library Association (hereinafter referred to as ILA)."

ILA/ACRL Bylaws, Article I <http://www.iowaacrl.org/organization/bylaws/bylaws.html#ART1>

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**1. Facilitation of Professional Development Activities**

On May 7, 1999 ILA/ACRL held its annual Spring Conference at the University of Northern Iowa. Ninety-nine members of ILA/ACRL were in attendance (with one scholarship winner - <http://www.iowaacrl.org/conference/1999/scholarship.html>). Robert Hauptman and Kristi Tornquist of

St. Cloud State University presented a keynote address "*Books & Bytes: Information in an Evolving Ethos*." This conference provided ample opportunity for academic librarians from around the state of Iowa to both present their research and to learn from the presentations of others. Twelve different presentations were given by twenty three different librarians. Abstracts of these presentations - as well as conference photos, advertising, directions, registration forms, call for papers, and a guide to Cedar Falls - can be found at <http://www.iowaacrl.org/conference/> (under the heading 1999 ILA/ACRL Spring Conference). Ample time was also set aside for networking, as ILA/ACRL sponsored a well attended pre-conference dinner. ILA/ACRL also conducted its spring business meeting during this conference.

On October 14-15 ILA/ACRL will sponsor two sessions at the Iowa Library Association Fall Conference in Dubuque. ACRL's own Larry Hardesty will present "**Understanding Faculty Culture**." A panel of Iowa university, community college, and public librarians will present "**New Initiatives in Distance Education**." One scholarship to attend this conference will again be offered by ILA/ACRL - <http://www.iowaacrl.org/iacrl/scholarship99.html>. ILA/ACRL will also conduct a business meeting during this conference as well.

During 1999 the first two issues of the ILA/ACRL Newsletter provided a forum for over a dozen librarians. These newsletters - published in March, July, and November - were broadcast via the ILA/ACRL list <http://www.iowaacrl.org/list/> and on the ILA/ACRL web site <http://www.iowaacrl.org/newsletter/>.

ILA/ACRL also continues to provide ample opportunity for service with fourteen elected executive board positions and forty-one committee positions <http://www.iowaacrl.org/organization/volunteer.html>

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## **2. Legislative Activities Regarding Information Policy and Higher Education at the State Regional and National Level**

ILA/ACRL continues to keep its membership well informed about legislative issues via the ILA/ACRL list <http://www.iowaacrl.org/list/>. To insure this information flows in a timely manner one-two ILA/ACRL members serve as the ILA/ACRL Government Relations Representative and the ACRL Legislative Network Chapter Representative.

From the ILA/ACRL Organizational Manual <http://www.iowaacrl.org/organization/manual/>:

### **Duties and Responsibilities of the ACRL Legislative Network Chapter Representative:**

- Develop a local advocacy network of individuals within the chapter who will contact their legislators when an issue comes before the House, Senate or other arms of government which impacts academic/research libraries or the higher education community;
- Work to create an awareness of legislative and information policy issues at the local level and inform academic/research librarians and others about how they can become involved in advocacy efforts;
- Keep informed about ALA legislative initiatives and information policy issues;

- Identify and collect examples of academic/research library activities and practices in support of legislative initiatives to be shared with the ACRL Government Relations Committee and the ALA Washington Office;
- Promote the legislative agenda developed by the ACRL Government Relations Committee and adopted by the ACRL Board;
- Channel information regarding local issues through the ACRL Legislative Network Coordinator to the ACRL Government Relations Committee and the ACRL Office for appropriate action;
- When possible, coordinate the work of the ACRL Legislative Network with the initiatives of the ALA state chapters.
- As ILA/Governmental Affairs Committee Liaison act as a liaison between the ILA/GAC and the members of ACRL, utilizing the ILA-ACRL list <http://www.iowaacrl.org/list/> to promote sharing of information of interest to Iowa's academic and research libraries.
- Serve as non-voting Ex Officio member of the ILA/ACRL Executive Board.

#### **Duties and Responsibilities of the ACRL Legislative Network Chapter Representatives:**

- Recruit individuals to form a local advocacy network within the chapter and encourage them to contact their legislators when an issue comes before the House, Senate or other arms of government which has an impact on academic/research libraries or the higher education community;
- Work to create an awareness of legislative and information policy issues at the local level and inform academic/research librarians and others about how they can become involved in advocacy efforts;
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### **3. ACRL Membership Recruitment Activities**

ILA/ACRL has encouraged recruitment for ACRL on four fronts.

- ILA/ACRL provides a direct link from the ILA/ACRL home page <http://www.iowaacrl.org> to the ACRL Membership Information page.
- At both the ILA/ACRL Annual Spring Conference and the ILA Annual Fall Conference -ILA/ACRL offers nationally supplied ACRL recruitment materials at an ACRL "booth" or "table" located near the registration table.
- ILA/ACRL bylaws <http://www.iowaacrl.org/organization/bylaws/bylaw.html#ART7> require all candidates for ILA/ACRL office to be members of ACRL:

### Section 3. Nominations

The Nominating Committee shall nominate not fewer than two candidates for each elected position. No person shall serve as an officer of the Chapter unless he or she is a member of the Chapter and ACRL. No person shall serve as a member of the Executive Board unless he or she is a member of the Chapter. If a member of the Nominating Committee becomes a candidate for election, he or she must resign from that committee. The Nominating Committee shall verify the qualifications of all candidates for office.

In addition to requiring prospective ILA/ACRL officers to be members of ACRL, ILA/ACRL requires that persons serving as ILA/ACRL Government Relations Representative and as ACRL Legislative Network Chapter Representative also be members of ACRL.

Thus any members of ILA/ACRL with aspirations for higher office within our organization must join ACRL.

- ILA/ACRL encourages members to join the national ACRL organization through regular ILA/ACRL list <http://www.iowaacrl.org/list/> messages ... e.g.:

From: IN%"Chris.Neuhaus@uni.edu" "CHRIS NEUHAUS"  
 To: IN%"IA-ACRL@LIST.UIOWA.EDU"  
 Subj: [IA-ACRL] ACRL Membership?

ILA/ACRL Folks:

While many of you are already enjoying the benefits of national ACRL membership ... some of you are not.

Megan Adams has recently added a link from the ILA/ACRL Web Page to the ACRL Membership Information web site entitled "Join ACRL!"

If you are curious about national ACRL membership visit either:

<http://www.iowaacrl.org/>

or

<http://www.ala.org/acrl/meminfo.html>

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